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New York

Sept 12th

1865.

My dear Garrison

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Today is Aug 10th  
1865.

The Am. F. Aid  
Committee was formed after  
much correspondence & debat  
ed Conference between leading  
& official members of the  
North & South & other  
associations.

The nomination to  
make Bishop Simpson Presi  
dent was opposed very  
vehemently by Judge Bond, but  
when the election was decided  
in favor of those who believed  
the Bishop the proper man  
for President the Judge  
seemed to acquiesce cheerfully.

The full understanding on  
the part of all present at  
the formation of the Com-  
mission was or seemed  
to be, that ~~that~~ the Am.  
Freemen, Old Union  
would come in as the  
Eastern Department of  
the Commission.

Your letter as well as  
one rec'd yesterday by F.G.  
Shaw from Judge Wood  
makes this uncertain -  
not to say unlikely.

Very well; - if all our  
labor to form a more com-  
prehensive national associa-  
tion is to prove a failure  
for it. I shall take it  
with all me for the best.

Judge Wood's letter to  
Mr. Shaw implies, to my  
mind, nothing on his part



to Boston & Philadelphia not  
favorable to the success of  
the Commission.

I cannot share with the  
majority either in his estimate  
of Bishop Simonson as  
a man for the Presiden-  
cy of the Commission, or  
in his fears of the Com-  
mission being made sub-  
servient to President Sim-  
onson's administration. Nor  
do I share with him in  
the belief that the Freed-  
men's Bureau is going to  
disappear and is not likely  
to be a great & somewhat  
enduring power for good  
in the work of further  
reconstruction.

I regard Bishop  
Simonson as <sup>a good</sup> ~~the~~ ~~best~~ man  
for the Presidency; I believe

Sent Howard is the right man  
in the right place; I believe  
that Mr Sumner & the rest  
who serve in the Bureau  
could do even better than they  
knew; I believe that if the  
Bureau be sustained as it  
ought to be, a united and  
energetic pursuit & coher-  
ence in the part of the friends  
of the black man & the  
friends of the Country, that  
the great work of practi-  
cal reconstruction will reach  
an early & triumphant  
consummation.

The "Com mission" is an  
attempt to unite the East &  
West for "a big pull & a  
strong pull & a pull at the  
fetter." I had hoped that  
it would be successful; I  
begin now to doubt it.

I am tired of these  
labors at organization. I



have neither faculty nor  
fondness for it. My mission  
— if I have any — is to  
influence minds; to impart  
to others my own impres-  
sions; to interest people in  
things that interest me.

Thus one may do you  
know without eloquence &  
without peculiar endow-  
ments, — by the mere dint  
of earnestness & honesty  
Common sense.

I don't want a lead-  
ing official position in  
this movement. I rather  
avoid it. In matters of  
method I would rather  
follow than lead. I dread  
responsibility. For this rea-  
son I wanted omitted  
here so that I could work  
— & to check — under time.

I am tired of this labor  
at organizing. I want  
to go to work; in the  
field among the people;  
on the people.

Not that I love work,  
but that I want it to  
go on & be done; for I  
long for rest. My soul  
cries out for rest! It  
is a weary fight! —  
God forgive my weak-  
ness — & these weak  
knees which — now that  
I let myself speak on  
this subject — I can-  
not — keep back.

But — "There re-  
maineth a rest", thank  
God.

I am sorry you are  
not coming in Friday.

Through the St. Louis  
way



and none of its officers to  
 the meeting of the Board  
 of Managers of the Com-  
 mission. I shall expect  
 Mr Parkman here to  
 attend the meeting of the  
 Executive Council of the  
 Union, of which he is  
 a member.

Yours faithfully

Wm Kim

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P.S.

I have seen Thudell  
 since writing the above  
 & he has read me Williams  
 letter concerning your be-  
 having been.

Can I sub-aid you in  
that matter? If I can in  
any way <sup>way</sup> command me.

Had I a loose foot I  
would arrange your meeting,  
so as to ensure you bumper  
houses & make you tour  
an ovation. I would  
turn it to account for  
the freemen. I would  
turn it to account for  
the nation. I would  
make it leave a path  
which would be distinguish-  
able years after time by  
its greenness - by its moral  
productiveness.

Come on Friday & let  
us talk about it. We  
shall say "Cine". So  
Come - M.M.C.